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High School Counselor Workshop Reminder

Money in the Mitten – Communicating the Financial Aid Process to Students and Families

The 2015 HSCW will take place on Friday, October 23, from 8:00 a.m to 12:30 p.m. [Registration](#) for the Workshop is now open.

Online Ordering for SSG Materials Now Available

A promotional graphic for Student Scholarships & Grants (SSG). On the left is a dark blue vertical rectangle with the text "Helping students pay for college" in white. To the right is the SSG logo, which features the letters "SSG" in a stylized blue font with a green swoosh underneath. Below the logo, the text "Student Scholarships and Grants" is written in green. At the bottom, the phone number "1-888-4-GRANTS (1-888-447-2687)" and the email address "ssg@michigan.gov" are listed in black.

To better serve students in Michigan, Student Scholarships & Grants (SSG) now has a way for students, families, schools and partners to order publications online, free of charge. SSG's publications provide information on all State of Michigan aid programs, as well as information on preparing financially and academically for college. [Publications can be ordered here.](#)

Staying Connected - Social Media

As students prepare and plan for college, social media can be a great way to learn about resources, application processes and scholarship opportunities/deadlines. Check out what is being shared [@mistudentaid](https://twitter.com/mistudentaid).



Be sure to like and follow us to stay up-to-date and learn more about what is available to you! You can connect with the Student Financial Services Bureau. [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#)

Financial Avenue Challenge Winners

The Student Financial Services Bureau (SFSB) is pleased to announce the winners of Inceptia's Financial Avenue Challenge. Congratulations to the following winners on their prize and commitment to financial excellence:

Teacher Winners - \$500 prize

Alan Boydston, Caro High School, (Caro, MI)

School Winners – \$5,000 prize

Monique Colizzi, Charlotte High School, (Charlotte, MI)

Bruce Burwitz, Fenton High School, (Fenton, MI)

Inceptia, a partner of SFSB, developed the online financial literacy program, Financial Avenue, to help schools provide their students with a strong financial foundation.

To encourage high school participation, the organization provided Financial Avenue free-of-charge to high schools in seven targeted states during the 2014-2015 academic year. As an extra incentive, Inceptia offered prize money to schools, educators and students.

As a nonprofit, Inceptia is committed to helping youth gain the knowledge needed to become

financially responsible adults – moving boldly into the future without accumulating the burden of debt and default.

Going off to College-Advice for Grads

Understanding Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

One of the most important things about going to college is understanding what SAP means. SAP ensures that all students are making the progress necessary to complete their degree. Students **MUST** maintain SAP in order to keep financial aid. SAP rules vary from school to school. Be sure to follow up with the financial aid office for more information on SAP.

Take Advantage of the Resources Available

There are more resources than ever to help college students succeed throughout their postsecondary careers. Campus support staff is readily available to help students, no matter what the case may be. Financial aid offices are full of advisors that are experts at assisting students with being successful financially while in college. Academic advisors are available to make sure students are on the right track toward graduation. Also, keep in mind that schools have institutional aid that you might be eligible for, so be sure to ask the admissions and financial aid office about those opportunities.

Keep in Contact with the Financial Aid/Business Office

Financial aid/business offices can often times be one of the most important offices to visit regularly. They keep record of students' financial history at the institution and can provide students with information that will help with developing a financial plan. These offices can look at how much aid has been paid to an account, as well as how much loan debt has accrued over time. Keeping in contact with these offices can set you up for success financially during and after college.

Upcoming Events



Outreach staff may be coming to your area. Check out our [events calendar](#) to see where our representatives will be. If you have questions about these events (including times, specific locations, topics covered, etc.) please contact Chad Somerville at somervillec@michigan.gov